

Parents Association Meeting

Date:Monday 14th of September 2015 **Venue:** Junior school **Time:** 8pm

Present: Ms Dempsey, Gillian Gillan (6th, 5th, 4th), Rachel Dwyer (2nd, 4th, 6th), Geraldine Keogh (2nd), Gemma Ledwidge (J.I), Lorraine O'Reilly (J.I), Grainne Donnelly (J.I, S.I., 2nd), Ruth Prenderville (S.I, 1st), Grace Garde (2nd), Catherine Forde (1st, 3rd), Gillian Garrett (J.I, 1st), George Eager (1st, 4th), Mr. O' Toole (J.I.), Caroline Costigan (J.I.)

Apologies: Bernie Power (5th), Suzanne Breslin (4th) AnnMarie Elliott (1st,3rd)

Sympathy: We send our sincere sympathy to the Elliott Family on the death of May and to the Doyle, Healy and Connors Families on the death of Dion.

NPC: Feilte 2015 will take place on Saturday 3rd October in RDS Dublin. Attendance is free of charge but pre-registration is necessary - check website for new information coming up feilte2015@greenlightevents.ie.

Communion/Confirmation: for all parents of communion/confirmation – if you have not yet registered please contact the office for a form. If you have registered and have not yet received an email from Paul Thornton please contact Paul at paulthornton@dublindiocese.ie or phone 087 6173000.

The meeting for communion for Newtown is on Tuesday 20th October at 7:30pm in Newtown Primary School hall – duration 1.5 hours

The meeting for confirmation for Newtown is on Tuesday 17th November at 7:30 in Newtown Primary School hall – duration 1.5 hours.

New Teacher: we welcome our new 2nd class teacher Mr. O'Brien.

Book Money: we thank everyone for the timely payment of the book money this year. We felt it worked very well amalgamating the photocopying , arts supply and book costs. Our calendars will be distributed soon.

Uniform Sale: €150 was raised for the second hand uniform sale – many thanks to all involved.

Swimming: Places still available once a week for 8 weeks - €72.00 starting in October. Deposit to hold place required, lessons can be paid for weekly.

Assembly: whole school assembly on Thursday 24th September at 9:30am in St. Josephs Church Newtown. All welcome

Parent Teacher Meetings: Parent teacher meetings for all classes on Thursday 22nd October from 2:00-5:00pm in the Community Centre. (Please note change of date)

Fundraising: If anybody has any ideas regarding fundraising for the school eg mini marathon, Hell and Back, please contact the office.

Christmas Cards: we will be doing Christmas cards again this year thanks to Ruth Prenderville

School information/notes: we will now be sending text messages every Wednesday for parents to check the school website (newtownprimary.ie) for weekly information etc. A hard copy can be requested from the secretary

Nut Allergy: again we ask parents to be mindful that we have a student with a severe nut allergy and ask that **NO** food containing nuts be brought to school. Please be especially careful about this second Wednesday of every month when the children bring in their own food.

Tablets: we have 8 new i-pads in the junior school and 30 new Samsung Tablets in the senior school which will benefit the children greatly on group days

Clean-up day: we are having a clean-up day in the school on Saturday 19th September from 9:00-1:00 pm. If anyone is available to help we would be very grateful but unfortunately for insurance reasons children cannot come along.

Class Reps: please send back forms to nominate a parent for class rep

Next Parents' Association meeting: Monday 12th October at 8:00pm in Junior School. The Board of Management (BOM) will also be at this meeting. Two parents will be nominated to the BOM this year. The Chairperson and Secretary for the Parents' Association will also be nominated at this meeting.

Parents please note no dogs are allowed on school premises.